



**City of Cortez**  
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## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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January 24, 2023

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- On Saturday, January 21, 2023 I attended the annual meeting of the Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company to represent the City irrigation shares. It was a productive meeting wherein an election was held and a budget was passed. It was learned that costs are going up exponentially, mostly due to assessment increases for diversion out of McPhee Reservoir by the Dolores Water Conservancy District. We can anticipate that our MVI assessments for 2024 will increase.
- Land Use Code update – A selection committee met last week to review the 11 applications we received pursuant to our RFP to update our land use code. The list was narrowed to 4 finalists. We are preparing to conduct interviews of the finalists in the near future. I would like to thank the committee for their service thus far, and recognize Community and Economic Director, Rachael Marchbanks, for leading the effort.
- Snow Removal – I would like to thank Public Works, the Parks Department, and the Airport crew for their hard work conducting snow removal during the heavy snowfall we received lately. These crews worked very early mornings, evenings, and weekends removing snow from roads, walkways, parking lots, and the airport. It was a losing battle for a time, but they eventually prevailed, although work continues. I am very proud of Public Works team member Scott Goodall who was literally on his way out of town when he received a call to assist an elderly infirmed couple that had been snowed in. Scott responded without question and went above and beyond to clear heavy snow sufficiently to allow the couple and other residents of a compact dead-end street to get out onto other roadways. I would also like to recognize the airport crew who ensured that medical flights could still occur if needed. I credit much of the success of our recent snow operations to the leadership of these respective department heads: Brian Peckins, Creighton Wright, and Jeremy Patton.